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## WORK BEGINS

### Report by Citizen's Committee.

Charles B. Wilson and Architect C. B. Ripley Placed in Charge of Construction.

The Committee of Citizens met yesterday afternoon at half past two o'clock in the office of the Minister of the Interior. President Dole was present. Of the committee there were present: Minister Alexander Young, Hon. L. A. Thurston, Dr. Geo. Herbert, C. B. Ripley, C. Boite and James A. Kennedy.

Minister Young stated the object of the meeting was to talk over and consider points of change in the plans of buildings and that after these had been discussed it would be in order to consider the adoption of the plans as a whole. The first question to be decided upon was whether the committee should adopt the flume or sewer pipes in the construction of the waterclosets at the Detention Station. Minister Young said that Dr. Herbert did not think the flume safe, as he understood it was to be constructed. There was a sufficient amount of sewer pipe here which could be used, and this could be flumed from time to time, say half a dozen times a day. The sewer pipe would be sealed and would meet Dr. Herbert's objection to the flume.

Minister Young at this point introduced a large number of plans and specifications of the system, suggested by him, as it is at present used in the schools of the United States. The sanitation of the system he deemed perfect, and it was one that had stood the tests of a nation which was critical in such matters. He believed we might adopt the regular trap water closet here, which could be made in town. There would be needed 180 seats in the proposed buildings at the Detention Station under the flume system; ninety would do, if the traps were used. If there were not sufficient traps in town one-half could be put in and the remainder sent for at once; these would probably arrive before the demand reached them. There were certainly a sufficient number of traps in town to start with.

Mr. Thurston thought time was an element, under the present circumstances, and that an attempt to introduce the regular trap system would cause too much delay where delay might prove dangerous in the extreme. Dr. Herbert thought there might be a combination of the two methods of flume and trap which would prove rapid and effective.

Mr. Thurston held the flume to be most practical under the necessities of the occasion, because it could be put in at once and results could be reached.

Architect Ripley here went into an explanation of the construction of the closets and traps as shown under the flume system, and the question of "closing up or sealing" flumes and closets was discussed.

Minister Young presented an outline drawing of a cheap watercloset of either sheet lead or galvanized iron, with flushing pipes, which could be readily constructed here.

President Dole suggested that, as he understood the matter, this was supposed to be a temporary affair and he did not see, if so, why the necessary expense of permanent closets should be added. He thought that if there was plenty of water, which he understood there was, he certainly agreed with Mr. Thurston that the flume should be used. This of course would demand a continuous supply of salt water for flushing.

Mr. Thurston said he thought that something permanent should be made. He insured the cholera time and stated that we would not always have the quarantine at disposal as at that time. The present case was one where the quarantine for immigrants could not be used. If it was necessary, and he thought it was, temporary arrangements could be made, but a permanent plant should also be provided as we were liable to have other epidemics hereafter owing to our geographical situation.

A motion by Mr. Thurston was made that the plans and location of the buildings submitted by Mr. Ripley be approved by the committee, subject to any changes that may be hereafter determined upon.

Mr. Boite thought the buildings might be constructed more cheaply, but the opinion of the other members was that the buildings should be both comfortable and roomy. By making according to the plans submitted they can, necessary, be furnished so as to accommodate twice the number now provided for and good sanitation still be preserved. Mr. Ripley made a rough estimate, at the request of Minister Young, that the proposed buildings would not cost less than \$500 each. The buildings are to be placed in three rows. The first to hold about 1,700 persons and the other two about 1,300, making total accommodations for some 3,000 persons. Mr. Ripley also explained the system of ventilation.

Mr. A. Kennedy said it would be a pity to force the better class of the people who were to go there into rough sheds as had been proposed. He agreed with Minister Young that they should be given at least as good houses as on the average plantation.

Minister Young stated that the question was whether the plans should be adopted or cheaper plans submitted. He then put Mr. Thurston's motion to accept the plans, which was carried.

Considerable discussion was held over the present needs of construction at the station and it was determined that room should be provided for 500 immediately and for 2,000 as soon thereafter as the contractors could finish the work. In accordance therewith Mr. Thurston moved, and it was carried, that it be recommended to the board of health that the committee be authorized to provide for 2,000 people. Mr. Thurston was appointed a com-

mittee of one to confer with the Board of Health through President Cooper.

Mr. James A. Kennedy reported on pump, engine and pipe that he had secured the refusal of an engine and pipes, but has not yet found out about the large tanks which were to accompany the plant. He also stated that the necessary seven-inch pipe was short in the market but with the use of six-inch with a flange the work could be done.

Considerable discussion followed as to the size and power of the pump and engine, that resulted in a motion by Mr. Thurston, which carried, that Mr. Kennedy be authorized to purchase at once a seven-inch gasoline pump and engine, with the necessary pipe, and to have them put in without delay; also to provide six 10,000 gallon tanks to be connected, in one, with one reserved for fresh water.

Mr. Thurston reported that Chas. B. Wilson has consented to act as superintendent. Mr. Wilson will have fifty men begin cleaning up the ground this morning so that work of building can be gone ahead with immediately. The ground plans for the station have already been staked out and every line will be in readiness by the time the contractors reach the ground.

Minister Young reported that the Road Supervisor had received orders to carry out the work of putting the road in order and thereafter to be under Mr. Thurston's orders for building any further roads needed. He would go out with a surveyor today and have the boundary lines run. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Andrew Brown of the Water Works Department to run a line of pipe today to the top of the lot and make the necessary connections.

Architect Ripley reported that he has secured a sufficient number of contractors who are pledged to begin work as soon as the material is delivered and finish it without interruption. Ripley was given full charge of the construction of all the buildings ordered and the delivery of material. The meeting adjourned at a quarter before four o'clock.

## ONE DEATH TWO LIKELY

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country not sufficient? Business has already suffered greatly, and stagnation stares us in the face, yet there are only two cases a day. Let the Board make its request to the Council, and then let the people see what body fails to do its duty. This is a practical, and not a theoretical question with which we have to deal. No great extravagance is necessary, but we should build a warehouse where thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise can be stored, and, if desired, a small sum for storage could be asked. As to the question of responsibility for goods, this Board has responsibility enough—there are tribunals to look after those matters. The idea of the plague getting beyond control cannot be described. The great question is, whether the plague can be overcome. It is not a question of money." (Applause.)

J. A. McCandless suggested that the Fishmarket might be taken as a warehouse, since business is slack there at this particular time. "I agree with Mr. Hatch," said Mr. McCandless. "Don't hesitate. The people are backing the Board of Health. I was told by a gentleman only a day or two ago—an opponent of the Government—that the Board was doing the proper thing in burning the infected buildings. It is the only thing to do. Or you might call a mass meeting, and you could easily learn the sentiment of the people."

Mr. Hatch suggested that five or six lawyers be employed by the president of the Board to consider the legal questions that may arise. A sufficient number of assistants should be employed to serve all notices on owners and tenants in one day. Physicians have said that the danger of infection is from the spot itself, so let the people be removed. Then there will not be much danger of the plague spreading. But where there are several suspicious cases, act without the formality of a notice, either as regards houses or goods.

G. W. Smith moved that the Board immediately construct the necessary warehouse at Ala Park for the storage of permitted merchandise from the quarantined district, and that the matter be referred to the merchants' committee for execution. The motion was adopted.

A motion was also adopted that the Board appoint a special committee for the purpose of immediately constructing and preparing accommodations for five thousand people.

Dr. Day's motion that the president of the Board be instructed to proceed along the lines already followed by the Board was adopted. On motion of Mr. Smith, the president was authorized to employ a number of lawyers to consider legal questions which may arise regarding the disposition of infected property.

Dr. Wood said the plague had existed in Honolulu since December 12 and that cases were daily occurring. He moved that the Government be requested to call together the Council of State for the purpose of appropriating \$100,000, in addition to what has been appropriated, in order to combat the plague.

President Dole remarked that it was advisable to specify for what purpose the money was desired, in order that a record might be kept of expenditures. George Carter said that appropriation should be liberal. "This plague," he already cost the community \$500,000, and it might continue for the next six months. I think if we could put a stop to it now for \$500,000 it would be only a reasonable sum to spend. It would cost nearly \$100,000 to feed 10,000 people ten days, not to speak of other necessary expenditures.

President Dole favored doubling the amount mentioned by Dr. Wood, and the latter changed his motion to make the appropriation \$250,000. In this form it was adopted.

President Cooper said he had written a letter to President Dole, asking the Council of State for an appropriation for the filtration of water, the extension of the sewer system, and the building of a garbage crematory.

President Cooper also said the infected half-block, bounded by King, Ke-

haulike and Queen streets, would be ready for destruction by fire this morning.

The report of the commission appointed to make recommendations concerning sanitation of the city was referred to the sanitary committee. The committee charged with the erection of buildings, said President Cooper, reported that it was ready to build accommodations for 2,000 people. The report was approved.

A communication was read from Judge Almeda Carter, calling attention to the necessity of placing of the Asia portion of the city in good condition. The matter was incorporated in a motion requesting the Minister of the Interior to fill in the ground described as the Asia section and establish a proper grade there. The place is near the old Chinese theaters.

President Cooper called attention to the fact that the quarantining of the city from the remainder of the island would go into effect at 12 o'clock last night. He asked Superintendent Denison of the Oahu railroad whether he could arrange to quarantine the train cars while they were in the city, and Superintendent Denison said it would be done. The trains should remain in operation, if possible, said Mr. Denison, for the plantations are irrigating at this time, very few of them had more than two or three days' supply of coal or supplies. But, said Superintendent Denison, the train crews would be quarantined by the company while in the city.

This was satisfactory, and President Cooper said the quarantine would go into effect at 12 o'clock last night. "We must not allow the plague to break out on any of the plantations," added President Cooper.

Discussing the matter of guarding the city's outposts, Judge Carter volunteered to engage men to guard the Halawa ridge, the Mukapu pass and the Pali.

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